

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

an image data input unit forming an image of a subject for photographing said subject;

a condition storing unit storing a predetermined photographing condition relating to at least one of an expression and characteristic feature of an aimed object in the image of the subject;

an extractor extracting data of said aimed object from said image of said subject based on an extracting condition;

a detecting unit detecting a condition of said aimed object on said image, and said detecting unit detecting a satisfaction of said condition of said aimed object with said predetermined photographing condition; and

a timing signal generator automatically outputting a timing signal when said detecting unit detects the satisfaction of said photographing condition,

wherein said extractor is adapted to identify candidate aimed objects in said image of said subject based on depth information of said image indicating the distance from the camera to parts of said subject,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined condition related to said aimed object and said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when said aimed object satisfies said photographing condition,

said extractor detects data of a judgement location from said data of said aimed object in said image based on a detecting condition different from said extracting condition,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined photographing condition related

to a desirable judgement location, and

said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when said judgement location
satisfies said photographing condition.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A camera as set forth in claim 1, 2;
wherein said extractor extracts data of a plurality of said aimed objects from said image;
and

said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when said plurality of aimed
objects satisfy said photographing condition.

6. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 5, wherein said timing signal generator outputs
said timing signal when the ratio of said aimed objects satisfying said photographing condition
against all of said plurality of said aimed object exceeds a predetermined ratio.

7. (Previously Presented) A camera as set forth in claim 5,
wherein said extractor detects data of a plurality of judgement locations from each of said
data of said plurality of aimed objects based on a detecting condition different from said
photographing condition,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined photographing condition related
to said judgement location, and

said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when said plurality of said judgement locations satisfy said photographing condition.

8. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 7, wherein said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when the ratio of said judgement locations satisfying said photographing condition against all of said plurality of said aimed object exceeds a predetermined ratio.

9. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an image-pickup control unit controlling said input unit for photographing said image based on said timing signal.

10. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an illuminator illuminating said subject based on said timing signal.

11. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a recording unit recording said image on a replaceable nonvolatile recording medium based on said timing signal.

12. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an alarm outputting an alarm signal for notifying that said subject satisfies said photographing condition based on said timing signal.

13. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1,
wherein said photographing condition includes a plurality of photographing conditions,
and
said camera further comprises a condition-setting unit previously selecting at least one of
said photographing conditions, for photographing said image, from among said plurality of
photographing conditions.

14. (Currently Amended) A camera as set forth in claim 1, 4, further comprising:
an input condition determining unit determining an input condition for inputting said
image based on information of said judgement location detected by said extractor; and
an image-forming control unit controlling an input unit for forming said image of said
subject based on said input condition.

15. (Currently Amended) A camera as set forth in claim 1, 4, further comprising an image
processing unit processing said image based on information of said judgement location detected
by said extractor.

Claims 16-29 (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method of photographing an image of a subject comprising:
storing a predetermined photographing condition relating to at least one of an expression
and characteristic feature of an aimed object in the image of the subject;

extracting data of said aimed object from said image of said subject based on an
extracting condition;

detecting a condition of said aimed object on said image;

automatically detecting a satisfaction of said condition of said aimed object with said
predetermined photographing condition; and

automatically outputting a timing signal when the satisfaction of said predetermined
photographing condition is automatically detected

wherein said extracting step identifies at least one candidate aimed object in said image
of said subject based on depth information of said image indicating the distance from the camera
to parts of said subject,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined condition related to said aimed
object,

said timing signal is output when said aimed object satisfies said photographing
condition,

said extracting includes detecting data of a judgement location from said data of said
aimed object in said image based on a detecting condition different from said extracting
condition,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined photographing condition related
to a desirable judgement location, and

said timing signal is output when said judgement location satisfies said photographing
condition.

Claims 31-32 (Canceled)

33. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 30, further comprising photographing said subject based on said timing signal.

34. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 30, further comprising recording said photographed image of said subject on a replaceable nonvolatile recording medium based on said timing signal.

35. (Currently Amended) A method as set forth in claim 30, 32, further comprising:
determining an input condition for inputting said image based on information for said judgement location detected in said detecting step; and
forming said image of said subject based on said input condition.

36. (Currently Amended) A method as set forth in claim 30, 32 further comprising processing said image based on information for said judgement location detected in said detecting step.

Claims 37-41 (Canceled)